

INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

MINUTES

October 4, 2010 10AM

Greenwood Community Center
100 Surina Way
Greenwood, IN 46143
317-882-2599

A MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 10:05 AM

B. ROLL CALL

Present

James Greeson
Jack Kerney Sr
Jerry Nulliner
James Bennett
Candace Ashby
Ab Crosby
Jeff Hayes

Absent

Thomas Hanify

C. APPROVAL OF August 9th 2010 MINUTES.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested amendment of removing the word "iffy" from John Buckman's report. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

D. VARIANCE REQUESTS

1. John Pisowicz requested a variance for Instructor II/III. He is currently a Primary Instructor. John has been a Firefighter I/II for 7 years at various Fire Depts in the northern part of the state.

Staff recommends approval based upon his successfully passing the Instructor reciprocity written examination.

Candace Ashby made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

2. David Bobo requested a variance for Instructor I. *The following statement is directly out of his email -* He expired in April 2010. Please review my application for re-certification for the Instructor I certification. I now realize that this is late...I have no excuse except I put it off too long & got put on the “back burner” so-to speak. In other words, the email reminder I had got buried deep in my email abyss and therefore it was off my radar! But I was hoping that I could still get re-certified (?). I assure you, I have indeed been instructing on a regular basis since receiving my original certification.

Staff recommends approval due to the fact that he has only been expired six months, admits it is his responsibility and failure to submit on time, he accumulated his hours within his certification period and he has the adult continuing education hours. He would receive also disciplinary letter of warning that this is the last time he will be granted a variance when his instructor certification expires.

James Bennett made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

3. Brett Brown requested variances for Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV. He had a Bachelor of Science in Business from IU; and an Assoc. Degree from Ivy Tech. Transcripts for both are enclosed.

Staff recommends approval based upon his Bachelor and Associate degree. Staff believes these degrees meet or exceed the requirements outlined in Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV. The requirements to achieve a four year degree more than likely exceed the amount of training and skills required to achieve Fire Officer III/IV. He has experience as an officer in the military.

James Bennett made a motion to approve. Ab Crosby seconded. Motion passed.

Jerry Nulliner made a comment that we need to be consistent as a Board. I am not saying that we should not grant this, but we have stated that we deny because we have written / practical testing in place, so I guess my question is why do we have testing in place if we are granting variances for these certifications. I am not disagreeing with this one; I am just making a statement that we need to be consistent with what we are doing. Jeff Hayes made the comment that staff used to recommend denying because we had written/practical.

4. Jasen Kilsby requested a variance for Technical Rescue Awareness. Jasen completed the class in January 2008 but he did not have Hazmat Awareness. He recently received his Hazmat Awareness and now requests certification in the Technical Rescue Awareness categories.

Staff recommends denial because of the time allotted for him to complete the prerequisites. The TRA course is 21 months old.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve staff recommendation. Jeff Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

From: Kyle Brooks Central Nine Career Center

Re: variance for 17 year olds to sit for FF 1/2 test and Hazardous materials awareness and operations test.

I am aware of your October 4th meeting at Greenwood Fire Department and would like to submit the following list of names for a variance to allow them to test. The classes are taking place at Central Nine Career Center at 1999 US 31 S. in Greenwood, Indiana. I am the lead instructor and Timothy Jared Clark is the lead evaluator. All of these students may not test. We have standards that are above what are required by the state. If they fulfill all requirements they will test. The list of names is as follows:

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| 5. Dennis Bragg | 6 Chase Clark | 7. Cole Dismore |
| 8. Joshua Gregory | 9. Hunter Henson | 10. Taylor Mason |
| 11. Ronald Fetting | 12. Reese Mckee | 13. Garret Rigel |
| 14. Anthony Rogers | 15. Garry Tester | 16. Mackenzie Travis |
| 17. Kyle Urich | 18. Colby Westervelt | 19. Megan Workman |
| 20. Wesley Beeles | 21. Jerica Burchfield | 22. Emily Clem |
| 23. Andrew Fosskuhl | 24. Louis Garcia | 25. Steven Glackman |
| 26. Parker Hanson | 27. Brandon Hendrix | 28. Jaron Kiki |
| 29. Colby Long | 30. Johnathon McCoy | 31. Eric Mcfarland |
| 32. Mason Mcquigg | 33. Shane McKenna | 34. Joshua Mitchell |
| 35. Spencer Rodimel | 36. Henry Shirley | 37. Connor Speicher |
| 38. Marah Steenburgen | 39. Derek Taylor | 40. Jarrett Clark |
| 41. Xavier Brink | 42. Sean Ball | 43. Jessica Mangus |
| 44. John Lees | 45. Justin Reedy | 46. Tyreese Shaffer |
| 47. Ricky Severance | 48. Josh Steinhauer | 49. Rodney Coble |
| 50. Gage Goss | | |

Staff recommends approval. Certification will not be issued until their 18th birthday.

Jeff Hayes made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

51. Troy Jackson requested a variance for Instructor I, II/III. He is a Firefighter 2 at Cambridge City IN. He holds an Instructor certification in Ohio. He has developed training programs for fire depts., and he currently teaches at the Apollo Career center in Lima Oh.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing of the Instructor Reciprocity test and waiving of the one year requirement.

James Bennett made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

Marty McCrindle respectfully requested a variance of age for the following
 Certification levels: Mandatory, Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations
 and Firefighter I/II for the following students from the Elkhart Area Career Center:

52	Prentkowski, Alex	72	Johnson, Austin	92	Reed, Steven
53	Soptich, Alex	73	Conley, Cody	93	Waggoner, Tiphani
54	Gonzalez, Amilio	74	Huff, Corey	94	Barrett, Travis
55	Wilson, Austin	75	Kamm, Derek	95	Davis, Travis
56	Baylor, Blake	76	Butler, Devon	96	Echartea, Trevor
57	Brasfield, Bradley	77	Glon, Gavin	97	Coblentz, Tylan
58	Perez, Carmela	78	Snyder, Jacob	98	Hernandez, William
59	McKibbin, Cole	79	Bodle, Jason		
60	Hoopingarner, Corey	80	Taapken, Jesse		
61	Espinosa, Jacob	81	George, Jonathan		
62	Mays, Jesse	82	Gray, Matthew		
63	Iavagnilio, John	83	Wilson, Paige		
64	Beechy, Justin	84	Werner, Spencer		
65	Britton, Matt	85	Reed, Steven		
66	Esko, Nathaniel	86	Waggoner, Tiphani		
67	Neal, Nichole	87	Barrett, Travis		
68	Herr, Thomas	88	Davis, Travis		
69	Taylor, Trevor	89	Echartea, Trevor		
70	Wilfret, Tyler	90	Coblentz, Tylan		
71	DeMeester, Zach	91	Hernandez, William		

Staff recommends approval. Certification will not be issued until their 18th birthday.
 Jeff Hayes made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

100. Brandon Anderson requested variances for Structural Collapse Rescue Ops, Trench Rescue Operations, Trench Rescue Technician, and Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Technician. He took the classes at Fishers FD in 2007. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

James Bennett made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded.
 Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

101. Paul Ashby requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician. He took the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

James Bennett made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

102. Ryan Banning requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Rope Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician; Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations and Technician. He took the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

103. Tim Bruner requested a variance for Structural Collapse Rescue Technician. He has a course completion from Special Rescue International and has included his continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Bennett seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

104. James Burrows requested a variance for Structural Collapse Rescue Technician. He has a course completion from Special Rescue International and has included his continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

105. Mark Carman requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Technician; Rope Rescue Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Bennett seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

106. William Crew requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion from Special Rescue International and has included his continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

107. Robert Demlow requested Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician; Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations and Technician. He took the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion. He has a course completion from Special Rescue International for Structural Collapse and has included his continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as

requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Bennett seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

108. Michael Derryberry requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Rope Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

109. Martin Devine is requesting a variance for Structural Collapse Rescue Technician. He has a course completion from Special Rescue International and has included his continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

110. Jeff Hague requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Rope Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician; Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations and Technician. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as

requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

111. Michael Hamilton requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Rope Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician; Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations and Technician. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

112. Seth Johnson requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

113. Justin Lowery requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

114. Philip Mellencamp requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

115. Eric Mohr requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

116. Todd Muth requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

117. William Ross is requesting a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted

to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

118. Gregg Scheele requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

119. Travis Sighting requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

120. Gregory Smith requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

121. Edward Sorg requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course completion form Special Rescue International and has submitted continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

122. Stephen White requested a variance for Structural Collapse Technician. He has a course

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

123. John Shanks requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations and Technician, attended through Special Rescue International; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician; Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations and Technician. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours. He completed the classes at Fishers FD. He has included the course completion certification and continued education hours.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

124. Jay Manship requested variances for Structural Collapse Rescue Operations course completed through Special Rescue International; Vehicle/Machinery Operations and Technician completed through the Fisher FD.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

125. Jonathan Hallgarth requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Operations and Technician; Rope Rescue Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Operations; Trench Rescue Operations and Technician; Vehicle/Machinery Operations and Technician.

Staff recommends denial. Written examinations have been in place before 2007. Staff further recommends if the Board does consider issuing these certifications under a variance as requested the individual be required to submit the signed skill evaluations sheets be submitted to at least document that skills were successfully completed for the certifications they are requesting.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Greeson seconded. Motion approved. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

126. Jim Alderman requested a variance for Instructor I. The board requested a record of practical skills that he evaluated. He has enclosed the documentation.

Staff recommends denial based upon the documentation submitted for the skill evaluation. He evaluated NFIRS data entry which is not an actual skill.

Candace Ashby made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

127. Jeffrey Wellman requested a variance for Fire Officer 1. He passed the written/practical exam June 6, 2009. Certification was denied because he did not have Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics. He does hold the strategy and tactics from 1994. Jeff is requesting to have this recognized as his prerequisite for certification.

Staff recommends denial. The past practice of the Board has been denial on this issue.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to uphold staff recommendation. James Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

128. Joe Grzyski requesting a variance for Instructor I. He failed to submit his hours on time and his certification expired. He did complete the hours required in the time frame. He simply failed to submit the completed forms to IDHS for recertification.

Staff recommends approval due to the fact that he has only been expired six months, admits it is his responsibility and failure to submit on time, he accumulated his hours within his certification period and he has the adult continuing education hours. He would receive also disciplinary letter of warning that this is the last time he will be granted a variance when his instructor certification expires.

Candace Ashby made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jeff Hayes abstained from voting.

E. REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

John Wall has filed an appeal on the board's decision to deny his Fire Officer strategy and Tactics certification variance request.

John Wall requested a variance for Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics. Staff recommendation was to deny. It has been the policy of the board that the master Tactics certification was not equivalent to the current FOST certification. If this had been approved, everyone that holds the Master certification will be filing for a variance and establish a precedent that will not maintain the credibility of the certification. Tom Hanify made a motion to approve staff recommendation. James Bennett seconded.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to send to Judge Bippus for the appeal. Jeff Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. STATE FIRE MARSHAL, JAMES GREESON

We are going to be having the Leadership meetings again next year. We have not determined yet when or where these meetings will be held.

We have had 114 arson investigations since the last board meeting in August, and so far they have resulted in 12 arrests.

We currently have 60 counties under the burn ban. Restrictions vary from county to county so check your local authority for current restrictions.

Fire Prevention week is this week. We will be in 6 different cities around the state talking about grants that are available.

We will be at the State Fair Grounds tomorrow. We will be trying to beat the Book Guinness world Record with the Stop, drop and roll record. We have about 1500 kids participating in this.

Question: has the state issued any Pyrotechnic permits during the ban?

Marshal stated that he was not aware of any applications at this time. What we would do is check with the Fire Chief in the area for a recommendation.

G. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR, JAMES BENNETT

1. Public Fire and Safety Educator I/II

Sept 9th we had a rules meeting and a group for the Public Safety Fire Educators on site and they spoke about the importance of this certification. They are willing to help create a curriculum for this and suggest that we keep the certification available for 1 year so they have time to create something.

2. Live Fire Trainer – currently in District 3 / continues to train over 250 firefighters each month.

I have been through this and it is a great piece of equipment.

3. Haz Mat Trainer – in District 5

District 5 at Pike Twp Fd. held a tour for the Hazmat trailer. This trailer is fantastic for training. You would not believe the equipment that is on this thing for training. Everyone should see this thing.

4. National Level Exercise – May 2011

This is a full scale exercise that we will be holding at Muscatatuck. This is supposedly the largest event that has ever happened. Even the Whitehouse is involved in this one. This is on the earthquake event.

I attended a Fire Officer Leadership course and this was a great class. Hats off to John Buckman and his group. Vehicle/Machinery course was last week and I attended that. Zohrs' allowed us to use some of there cars for practical skills. Props have been created for training and practicals in the machinery portion.

There are still a lot of e-mails mocking the training division and I have to stick up for these people. Some of these e-mails are being solicited from out of state. Some of this stuff is not factual and if you have any questions, please call us.

BREAK.....

H. STATE FIRE TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT, JOHN BUCKMAN

1. Status of IFSAC Accreditation

IFSAC is scheduled to be in house on January 21, 2011 to do the site visit.

The IDHS staff in firefighter training and the certification section is working hard at maintaining our IFSAC accreditation.

IDHS intends to remain an IFSAC accredited agency.

We have submitted our application for reaccreditation and paid our fees.

IDHS staff is completing the self study document that is due to IFSAC no later than October 28, 2010. This date is established by IFSAC to be in compliance with the in State IFSAC visit in January 2011.

IDHS intends to be reaccredited in the 17 certification levels we are currently accredited.

At the in State visit we plan at a minimum to be prepared for reaccreditation in Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations.

With the update of the NFPA standards as required we cannot have all of the test correlation sheets prepared in time. We have asked for assistance from the fire service and received some but not enough to get the entire certification levels ready by January 2011. There are emails flying around that are saying things that are not an accurate picture of what IDHS is doing about the IFSAC reaccreditation.

After the State IFSAC visit IDHS may apply for individual accreditation of certification levels as we are prepared. These additional certification levels do not require an in State visit.

If you would like to help with written test validation and/or practical skills examination development give me a call or email me at jbuckman@dhs.in.gov.

- i. Self Study
Karrie Dillon

IFSAC ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES: A BRIEF OVERVIEW

- Purpose: Within five years from the date of last election to membership, each entity must have at least one level of certification accredited.
- Process:
 1. Completed application submitted to IFSAC.
 2. Application consists of:
 - a) Evidence of Empowerment
 - b) Documentation showing financial support for continuous operation of the certification process.
 - c) Documentation indicating staffing levels adequate to implement and sustain the certification process.
 - d) Self-Study
 - e) Administrative review by IFSAC to ensure all documentation is complete.
 - f) Site Visit
- Self-Study
 1. Certification Program Administration
 2. General Administration of Written and Skills Testing
 3. Written Test Banks
 4. Written/Skills Test Grading
 5. Test Security

6. Test Proctors/Evaluators
7. Written Tests
8. Skills Tests

- Site Visit

1. The site team is a minimum of 3 qualified people selected by the IFSAC committee.
2. The cost for the site visit is solely the re-accrediting body...i.e. US!!
3. I will have to make all travel arrangements, prepare all materials needed, agenda, and meeting space.
4. Site team will meeting with entire leadership and certification staff
5. Review support services
6. Review test banks
7. Interview staff
8. Observe testing procedures
9. Tour our facilities
10. The site team will conduct an exit conference on site visit results with us.
11. The site team will prepare visit report, and determine if we need modifications.
12. Finally, the application is submitted to the Assembly Board for their final approval of re-accreditation.

- ii. Policy and Procedures Manual

Karri has been working on updating the policy manual and she has inserted the procedures for many things. This is what we have always done, just never put in writing.

We are considering a policy stating that the only way you can get IFSAC certifications from us is if an Indiana Instructor conducts the practical skills exam and an Indiana instructor to be proctor. We need to be able to monitor what is happening overseas.

There was a discussion on the legality of this issue, the monitoring of this policy, Director Bennett can do a non rule policy that will hold this in place until the new rules are written.

- iii. Practical Skills Examination

2. Discussion on the board rules rewrite process

- i. What starts the 180 day count down for practical skills
 - ii. Prerequisite issues

1. Rick Duncan would like to speak on this issue

I want to complement the certification staff. We were at a 3 week turnaround time and now we are at a 3 day turnaround. This is a great improvement. However, I have an issue with the certification prerequisite. As a training academy, we have to break the rule because the rule states that you have to be certified in order to take the next

exam. These tests are taken back to back and when they hit the state, they are not processed in order. I know when this involved a recruit school, this is not realistic. This is impossible. I cannot hold up a test waiting on the results of the previous test. Instructors have worked a round but we are breaking the rules. I would like to see if we can arrange for the rules to accommodate what is happening in real life.

3. Motorsports

- i. Meeting was conducted with Rodney Johnson / IFTS research with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway indicates they don't use, require or care about State certification – they train their fire / rescue team members to the IMS techniques. Ken Farmer one of the original developers of the NFPA recommended practice stated that the document was developed as a result of the people who worked at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Charlotte NC. The document has not been adopted at the state level anywhere according to Mr. Farmer.

Rodney Johnson submitted a letter dropping there request to keep this certification.

Dave Probo explained that IFSAC has changed their board and under new management they are following the rules closer than they have in the past. They will be looking for things that have not been looked at in the past. It is not new; they are now just doing it like it should have been done all along.

On-line testing;

Recent comments about the Indiana Department of Homeland Security going to online testing require further explanation.

IDHS has been pursuing online testing for several years. 3 years ago we made online testing available at about 28 Ivy Tech testing sites around the State. The reason for transitioning to online testing relates to cost, security, time, credibility and grading.

IDHS spends over \$120,000 each year processing test requests. This includes staff time, test coordination, mailing costs, scoring of written tests, publishing, posting test scores to the IDHS website and printing and mailing certificates.

IDHS mails over 12,000 fire and EMS written test annually that are on paper.

With online testing we will improve the security of tests while reducing cost.

We have been directed by the Governor's office to examine ways to reduce costs as well as to examine processes that are not required by Indiana law.

When will online testing become mandatory?

It will not occur on January 1, 2011. The software developer has not completed the program that would allow us to implement a beta testing process. We will continue to offer paper testing in 2011 but we will move toward online testing and reduction of paper testing. We have also been advised by legal counsel that we will have to change the law to eliminate paper testing. Changing the law takes a considerable amount of time.

Will firefighters and EMS personnel be able to go to places other than Ivy Tech testing?

Yes. We have not finished the qualifications for a location to be a testing place but it will have to have multiple computers and high speed internet to access the tests.

Will there be a cost to take an online test?

Currently, there is a \$15 charge for taking the online testing at Ivy Tech. No decision has been made but the goal is to maintain as much as possible free or low cost access to this service. The completion of our own testing system will help to keep cost down, reducing shipping and handling of paper testing will help as well.

The State like every local government has to look at improving efficiencies in everything we do because of less money available to do the things required by law. We welcome your ideas on ways to improve testing for fire and EMS certifications. Details of any change to the system will be communicated well in advance and suggestions for improvements will be solicited.

If you have ideas on how to improve testing processes, security or reduce costs please give me a call or email at your earliest opportunity.

A letter from Jay King was submitted. Mr. King is against on-line testing due to the financial strain it would put on the individual and the fire dept. In his district they have a school that has 3 computers eligible for testing. The school stated that there would be no charge for volunteer firefighters. The issue would then be transportation to the facility for testing. We cannot afford to transport students to and from the location and we would not be able to support the fees charged for testing. I am getting the feeling that IDHS is trying to dissolve the volunteer firefighter.

Letter from Marty McCrindle

Mr. McCrindle submitted a letter against the on-line testing due to the financial strain this would put upon the Education system. Mr. McCrindle also submitted a letter from the Elkhart Career Center applying to be a test site.

Jack Kerney spoke about the cost. Mr. Kerney stated that \$15 is not acceptable and \$25 is way out of site. Rick Archer stated that a fee has not been designated yet, nor have test sites been selected. What ever fee is decided on does not go to the state. Money collected will go to the designated test site to help cover their expenses. John Buckman stated that this issue will be on the agenda for the next several meetings. We will be letting you know the status. We need impute on how to do this. We need ideas. Right now, our software is not ready to implement on line testing.

4. DOD passing score of 65% / no information acquired / no action to be taken
5. Vehicle – Machinery Curriculum Development
 - i. IFTS has funded the development of this curriculum based upon NFPA standards in place or proposed to be in place
 1. partnered with the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association Technical Rescue Committee
 - ii. Spec-Rescue International developed the curriculum. There currently is not a national curriculum put out by a publisher
 - iii. This curriculum is for operations and technician level certification
 - iv. Curriculum developed and field tested
 1. currently undergoing final revision
 2. extremely difficult
 3. 25% classroom – 75% hands on practical skills demonstration
 4. expensive to put on unless you have extremely cooperative businesses and towing services
 - a. requires heavy equipment
 - b. towing vehicles
 - v. Requesting approval from the board to allow the 23 students who participated in this curriculum development to be certified under a variance for the practical skills examination.
 1. they have to meet all prerequisites
 2. they have to take the written examination and achieve a score of 70% or higher to apply for a variance

The students that were involved are:

Mike Brubaker

Aaron Bolinger

Jeff Williams

David Pritz

Donald Wise

Steve White

Russell Hardin

Jay Umbaugh

Shawn Husband

Brian Snow
Michael Brengman
Richard Dillon
David Jatczak
Todd Heier
John Shafer
Jim Adams
Bryan Cox
Russ Shoaf
Jayme Washel
Dale Saucier
Craig Voight
Jon Shackleford
John O'Neal

I. CERTIFICATIONS REPORT, RICK ARCHER

On line testing will give us more flexibility on testing and give a more secure test than what we have had.

There were 1757 certifications issued in September.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, JUDGE BIPPUS

No report at this time.

K. OLD BUSINESS

No report at this time.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. "Discussion and possible adoption of LSA Doc. #10-248 (updating NFPA standards)". The information was not available at this time to discuss the changes. It will be at the meeting in December.
2. Proposed Board meeting dates for 2011
Dates and locations will be set at the December meeting.

K. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next Meeting:

December 6th 2010 10AM

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